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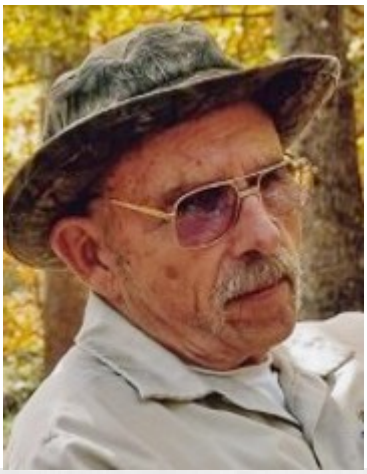

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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM'S NEWEST

Ted M. Norcross, Jr.
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Ted is NMRA Life Member #712, born in Miami, Florida, married, and has one daughter. He is employed by Eastern Air Lines in the stores department.

Ted started out in model railroading with a Lionel tinplate layout as a child, and dropped out of the hobby when he got out of school. Walked into a hobby shop in 1963 looking for something to do and picked up the hobby again. He joined NMRA and the Sunshine Region in 1964. Started out in HO-HOn3 and switched to On3, ¼AAR in 1968 because of interest in highly detailed building.

At the National level his primary interest is in the model contests and the Achievement Program. He has been active in the Sunshine Region, serving in the following positions: SSR Secretary in 1966 and 1967, SSR Treasurer in 1968, 1969, and 1970. An active staff member of the SSR Regional paper, "The Journal Box" from 1965 to present. He has served as a contest judge and has worked on various regional convention committees. Also, registrar of the 1967 NMRA National Convention.

Ted has been an active participant in model contests. In addition to numerous winners in SSR contests, he has placed 1st and 3rd in "structures" in the 1970 NMRA National Convention and 1st in Maintenance of Way and 2nd in Freight Cars at the 1969 NMRA National Convention.

Ted started working on the Achievement Program in 1966, and will be one of the youngest, if not the youngest, to receive the Certificate for MASTER MODEL RAILROADER. In addition, Ted holds the following Achievement Certificates: Cars, Structures, Scenery, Engineer — Civil, Engineer — Electrical, Association Volunteer, and Association Official.

Photo of Ted not available at this time.

On Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, Ted McKillip Norcross, Jr. – loving husband and father of three children – passed at the age of 79.
Ted was born on March 15, 1941 in Miami, Fla. to Ted McKillip Norcross, Sr. and Marie Norcross. He grew up in Miami, Fla. and in 1973, moved to his longtime home in Robbinsville, N.C.

Ted was a master of many trades and had multiple careers, including working for Eastern Airlines, Barber, Christmas Tree Farmer, carpenter and general handyman.

Ted also had many passions in life. He loved trains and received multiple national awards for model railroading, spent 30-plus years restoring buildings with the Friends of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad in Chama, N.M. and along with the rest of his family, was actively building his final masterpiece, a 1.5-inch scale train layout in Stecoah.